UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
BERIAM ORTIZ,	

Plaintiff,

AFFIRMATION IN SUPPORT

-against-

07-CV-10365

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP., and CAROL SHERMAN,

Defendants.

ELIZABETH M. PENDZICK, an attorney duly admitted to practice in the United States

District Court for the Southern District of New York, does hereby affirm, under penalty of

perjury:

- 1. I am a member of JAY S. HAUSMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., counsel for the plaintiff, Beriam Ortiz.
- 2. I make this Affirmation in support of the within motion for partial summary judgment, determining issues of liability in favor of the plaintiff, and against defendant ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW.
 - 3. In support of the within application, I submit the following documentation:

Exhibit A: The Summons and Complaint

Exhibit B: The Answers of the Defendants

Exhibit C: The Notice of Removal

Exhibit D: The Stipulation of Discontinuance Against Defendant Toyota

Exhibit E: The Affidavit of Plaintiff, Beriam Ortiz

Exhibit F: The Police Report

4. For the reasons set forth in the annexed Memorandum of Law, partial summary judgment is appropriate.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff's motion should be granted by this Honorable Court.

Dated: Hartsdale, New York April 18, 2008

ELIZABETH M. PENDZICK

Exhibit A

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW	york york
COUNTY OF BRONX	
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BERIAM ORTIZ,	

Plaintiff,

-against-

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. and CAROL SHERMAN,

Plaintiff Designates Bronx County as the place of Trial

Index No.: 30/887/07
SUMMONS
DATE FILED /6/16/hw7

Plaintiff resides at 323 E. Gun Hill Road Bronx, New York 10467

Defendants.

To the above named Defendant(s):

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: Hartsdale, New York October 9, 2007

Defendants' Addresses:

Erin Kathleen Barlow 83 Maplewood Avenue Dallas, PA 18612

Toyota Motor Credit Corp. Box 105386 Atlanta, GA 30348

Carol Sherman 169 Ocean Avenue Stamford, CT 06902 JAY 8. 用AUSMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By:

HAUSMAN Attorneys for Plaintiffs Office and Post Office

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX	
BERIAM ORTIZ, Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT Index #: 301887/207
-against-	DATE FILED 10/16/Du7
ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. and CAROL SHERMAN,	

Plaintiff, by her attorneys, JAYS. HAUSMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., complaining of the defendants, alleges the following upon information and belief:

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 1. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, the plaintiff resides in the County of Bronx.
- 2. That this cause of action alleged herein arose in the County of Bronx, State of New York.
- 3. That this action falls within one or more exemptions set forth in CPLR §1602.

Defendants.

- 4. That at all times hereinafter mentioned the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, was a resident of the State of Pennsylvania.
- 5. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, owned the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania.

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- 6. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, operated the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania.
- 7. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, drove the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania.
- 8. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania.
- 9. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, operated, drove, and maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania, with the knowledge, permission and consent of its owner.
- 10. That at all times hereinafter mentioned and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. was and still is a domestic corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of New York.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. was and still is a foreign corporation authorized to do business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of New York.
- 12. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. maintained a principal place of business in the State of New

York.

- 13. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. maintained a principal place of business in the State of Georgia.
- 14. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, was a resident of the State of Connecticut.
- 15. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. owned the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 16. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. by its agents, servants, and/or employees, maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 17. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. by its agents, servants, and/or employees, operated the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 18. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. by its agents, servants, and/or employees, drove the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 19. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, owned the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.

- 20. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, operated the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, drove the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 22. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 23. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, operated, drove, and maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut, with the knowledge, permission and consent of its owner.
- 24. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, operated a motor vehicle bearing registration number DFX8977, State of New York.
- 25. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Bruckner Boulevard at or about its intersection with East Tremont Avenue, County of Bronx, State of New York was and still is a public roadway/highway.
- 26. That on or about April 20, 2007, plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ was operating her vehicle on Bruckner Boulevard at or about its intersection with East Tremont Avenue, County of Bronx, State of New York.
- 27. That on or about April 20, 2007, defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW was operating H:\Ortiz, Beriam\S&C.wpd

her vehicle on Bruckner Boulevard at or about its intersection with East Tremont Avenue, County of Bronx, State of New York.

- 28. That on or about April 20, 2007, defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, was operating the vehicle owned by defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP., on Bruckner Boulevard at or about its intersection with East Tremont Avenue, County of Bronx, State of New York.
- 29. That on April 20, 2007, the motor vehicle owned and operated by defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, came into violent contact with the motor vehicle operated by plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ.
- 30. That on April 20, 2007, the motor vehicle owned by defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP. operated by the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, came into violent contact with the motor vehicle operated by plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ.
- 31. That the aforesaid collision and injuries resulting therefrom, were due solely and wholly as a result of the careless and negligent manner in which the defendants operated and controlled their motor vehicles without this plaintiff in any way contributing thereto.
- 32. That by reason of the foregoing and the negligence of the said defendants, this plaintiff sustained serious, severe, and permanent injuries to her head, limbs and body, still suffers and will continue to suffer for some time, great physical and mental pain and serious bodily injury; became sick, sore, lame and disabled and so remained for a considerable length of time.
- 33. That by reason of the wrongful, negligent and unlawful actions of the defendants, as aforesaid, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, sustained serious injuries as defined in the Insurance Law of the State of New York, and has sustained economic loss greater than basic economic loss as

defined in said Insurance Law.

- 34. That by reason of the foregoing and the negligence of the said defendants, this plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, is informed and verily believes her aforesaid injuries are permanent and she will permanently suffer from the effects of her aforesaid injuries and she will be caused to suffer permanent embarrassment and continuous pain and inconvenience.
- 35. That by reason of the foregoing, this plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, was compelled and did necessarily require medical aid and attention and did necessarily pay and become liable therefore, for medicines and upon information and belief, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, will necessarily incur similar expenses in the future.
- 36. That by reason of the foregoing, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, has been unable to attend to her usual occupation and avocation in the manner required.
- 37. That by reason of the wrongful, negligent and unlawful actions of the defendants, as aforesaid, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, was severely injured, bruised and wounded, suffered, still suffers, and will continue to suffer for some time great physical pain and great bodily injuries and became sick, sore, lame and disabled and so remained for a considerable length of time.
- That as a result of the defendants' negligence as aforesaid, this plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, has been damaged in an amount which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction in this matter.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, demands judgment against the defendants in an amount which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction in this matter, on the First Cause of Action; together with the costs and disbursements

of this action.

Dated:

Hartsdale, New York

October 9, 2007

Yours, etc.,

JAYS. HAUSMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By:

AYS. HAUSMAN

Attorney for Plaintiff(s)

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STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

ss:

I, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the Courts of New York State, state under penalty of perjury that I am one of the attorneys for the plaintiff(s) in the within action; I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof; the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to the matters I believe to be true. The reason this verification is made by me and not by my client(s), is that my client(s) are not presently in the County where I maintain my offices. The grounds of my belief as to all matters not states upon my own knowledge are the materials in my file and the investigation conducted by my office.

Dated:

Hartsdale, New York October 9, 2007

JAYS. HAUSMAN

Exhibit B

BERIAM ORTIZ

VERIFIED ANSWER WITH CROSS CLAIM

Plaintiff(s)

Docket No.: 07 CV

10365

- against -

ERIN KATHALEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT., and CAROL SHERMAN

Defendant(s)

Defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, by and through her attorney, ANTHONY D. PERRI, ESQ., as and for her Verified Answer with Cross Claim to the Complaint herein, upon information and belief, respectfully alleges as follows:

ANSWERING A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:

- Denies any knowledge or information thereof sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in Paragraph(s) "1", "2", "7", "8", "10", "11", "12", "13", "14", "15", "16", "17", "18", "19", "20", "21", "22", "23", "24", "25", "26", "28" and "30" of the Complaint herein.
- 2. Deny each and every allegation contained in Paragraph(s) "3" and "33" of the Complaint herein, and respectfully refers all questions of law to this Honorable Court.
- 3. Denies any knowledge or information thereof sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in Paragraph(s) "9" of the Complaint herein except admits that at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, operated the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania, with the knowledge, permission and consent of its owner.

- 4. Deny each and every allegation contained in Paragraph(s) "29" of the Complaint herein except admits that on April 20, 2007, the motor vehicle owned and operated by defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, was in contact with the motor vehicle operated by plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ.
- 5. Denies each and every allegation contained in Paragraph(s) "31", "32", "34", "35", "36", "37" and "38" of the Complaint herein.

AS AND FOR A FIRST, SEPARATE & DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:

6. Upon information and belief, the injuries and damages alleged were caused by the contributory negligence and/or culpable conduct of the Plaintiff.

AS AND FOR A SECOND.
SEPARATE & DISTINCT
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:

- 7. Upon information and belief, any past or future costs or expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Plaintiff for medical care, dental care, custodial care or rehabilitative services, loss of earnings or other economic loss, have been or will with reasonable certainty be replaced or indemnified in whole or in part from a collateral source as defined in Section 4545(c) of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- 8. If any damages are recoverable against this said answering Defendant, the amount of such damages shall be diminished by the amount of the funds which Plaintiff has or shall receive from such collateral source.

AS AND FOR A THIRD, SEPARATE & DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:

9. Upon information and belief, if Plaintiff failed to properly utilize an available seat belt and/or shoulder harness, and/or infant restraining device, such failure is pleaded in mitigation of damages.

AS AND FOR A CROSS-CLAIM
AGAINST THE CO-DEFENDANT(S)
TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP., AND CAROL
SHERMAN
IT IS ALLEGED BY THE
ANSWERING DEFENDANT,
ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW:

Upon information and belief, if damages were sustained by Plaintiff as alleged in the complaint, said damages resulted from the culpable conduct of the above named Defendants, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP., AND CAROL SHERMAN.

That by reason of the foregoing and/or pursuant to an agreement, the above named Defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP., and CAROL SHERMAN will be liable to the answering Defendant in the amount of any recovery by any party as against the answering Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW hereby demands judgment dismissing the Complaint of the Plaintiff herein, and further demands that judgment be granted over and against the above named Defendants, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP., AND CAROL SHERMAN, in the amount of any recovery by any party as against the answering Defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated:

New York, New York

January 2, 2008

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Yours, etc.,

ANTHONY D. PERRI, ESQ.

Attorney for Defendant ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW

Office Address
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(212) 809-4800

File No.: 2007-11191/LJH

VERIFICATION

LORETTA J. HOTTINGER, an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury, pursuant to the CPLR that the following facts are true:

Affirmant is associated with ANTHONY D. PERRI, ESQ., attorney for the Defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, in the within action; that she has read the foregoing VERIFIED ANSWER WITH CROSS CLAIM and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to her own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, she believes it to be true.

Affirmant further says that the ground of her belief as to all matters not stated upon her knowledge are based upon correspondence, investigation and file papers and that the reason this Verification is made by your Affirmant and not by the Defendant is that the Defendant is not within the County of New York, the County in which Affirmant has her office.

Dated:

New York, New York

January 2, 2008

LORETTA J. HOTTINGER, ESQ

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

-----x Index No.: 301887/07

BERIAM ORTIZ,

Plaintiff

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

v.

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. AND CAROL SHERMAN,

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Defendant, Carol Sherman, by her attorneys, EUSTACE & MARQUEZ, answers the Complaint of the Plaintiff by stating as follows:

- 1. Denies, upon information and belief, the allegations of paragraphs 16, 17, 18, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38.
- 2. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 24, 26, 27 and 29.
- 3. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraphs 3, 15, 19, 22, 25 and 28 and respectfully refers all questions of law to this Honorable Court.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

4. The injuries alleged to have been suffered by the Plaintiffs were caused, in whole or part, by the conduct of

Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs' claims therefore are barred or diminished in the proportion that such culpable conduct of Plaintiffs bears to the total culpable conduct causing the damages.

AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

5. The injuries and damages alleged in the Complaint were caused or contributed to by the culpable conduct including contributory negligence, assumption of the risk and/or product misuse of persons over whom this Defendant had no authority or control.

AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

6. The Plaintiffs failed to mitigate the damages as alleged in the Complaint by failure to wear or use seatbelts, shoulder harnesses, or other restraints or protective devices, at the time and place of the alleged incident, and any award made to or accepted by the Plaintiffs must be reduced in such proportion to the extent that the injuries complained of were caused, aggravated or contributed to by the Plaintiffs' failure to use such protective devices.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

7. The Plaintiffs are precluded from maintaining this action by Insurance Law Article 51 in that Plaintiffs have

failed to sustain a serious injury or economic loss greater than the basic economic loss as defined by that law.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

8. That recovery, if any, by the Plaintiffs shall be reduced by the amounts paid or reimbursed by collateral sources in accordance with CPLR 4545(c).

AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

9. The injuries and damages alleged in the Complaint of the Plaintiffs were caused or contributed to by Plaintiff's culpable conduct in assuming the risk under the conditions and circumstances existing.

AS AND FOR A CROSS-CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTION AGAINST: ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW

10. If any plaintiff recovers against this Defendant, then this Defendant will be entitled to an apportionment of responsibility for damages between and amongst the parties of this action and will be entitled to recover from each other party for its proportional share commensurate with any judgment which may be awarded to the plaintiff.

AS AND FOR A CROSS-CLAIM FOR COMMON LAW INDEMNITY AGAINST: ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW

11. If any plaintiff recovers against this Defendant, then this Defendant will be entitled to be indemnified and to recover the full amount of any judgment from the ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW.

WHEREFORE, this Defendant demands judgment dismissing the Complaint, together with costs and disbursements, and in the event any judgment or settlement is recovered herein against this Defendant, then this Defendant further demands that such judgment be reduced by the amount which is proportionate to the degree of culpability of any plaintiff, and this Defendant further demands judgment against each other party on the respective crossclaims and/or counterclaims.

DATED: November 12, 2007 White Plains, New York

Yours, etc.,

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Edward M. Eustace

To:

Jay S. Hausman & Associates, PC. Attorneys for Plaintiff, Beriam Ortiz 280 North Central Avenue Hartsdale, New York 10530 Erin Kathleen Barlow 83 Maplewood Avenue Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612

COUNTY OF BRONX	•
BERIAM ORTIZ,	Index No.: 301887/07
Plaintiff, -against-	
-agamst-	VERIFIED ANSWER
ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. and CAROL SHERMAN,	
DefendantsX	

Defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP., ("TMCC"), by its attorneys, LONDON FISCHER LLP, as and for its Verified Answer to the Verified Complaint, allege, upon information and belief, as follows:

AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "1", "2", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9", "14", "19", "20", "21", "22", "23", "24", "25", "26", "27", "28", and "29" of the Verified Complaint.
- 2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraph "3" of the Verified Complaint, and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.
- Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "10", "13", "16", "17", "18", "31", "32", "34", "35", "36" and "37" of the Verified Complaint.
- 4. Admits each and every allegation contained in paragraph "11" of the Verified Complaint.
- 5 Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "12", of the Verified Complaint, except admits that defendant, TMCC maintained an office in Orange

County, New York.

- 6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraph "15" of the Verified Complaint, on the ground that the pleadings lack sufficient identifying information to permit this defendant to plead otherwise.
- 7. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraph "30" of the Verified Complaint, except denies "violent" contact with the motor vehicle.
- 8. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "33" and "38" of the Verified Complaint, and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

AS AND FOR A FIRST SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

- 9. The accident complained of was caused in whole or in part by the culpable conduct attributable to the plaintiff, including comparative fault and/or assumption of risk.
- 10. Plaintiff should be barred from recovery by reason of the fact that the subject accident was entirely the result of the culpable conduct and/or assumption of risk on the part of the plaintiff, or, in the event that plaintiff is entitled to recover, the amount of damages otherwise should be diminished in the proportion to which the culpable conduct and/or assumption of risk attributable to plaintiff bears to the culpable conduct which caused the damages.

AS AND FOR A SECOND SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

11. Upon information and belief, any damages sustained by plaintiff, as alleged in the Verified Complaint, were caused by parties other than this defendant.

AS AND FOR A THIRD SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

12. Any amount that may be awarded to plaintiff as against TMCC, must be reduced by the amount received from or indemnified by any collateral source pursuant to CPLR §4545(c).

AS AND FOR A FOURTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

13. In the event that any person or entity liable or claimed to be liable for the injury alleged in this action has been given or may hereafter be given a release or covenant not to sue, TMCC will be entitled to protection under General Obligation Law §15-108 and the corresponding reduction of any damages which may be determined to be due against TMCC.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

14. This action is barred on the grounds that plaintiff did not sustain a "serious injury" as defined by §5102(d) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.

AS AND FOR A SIXTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

15. As against TMCC, this action is barred by federal preemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30106.

AS AND FOR A SEVENTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

16. As against TMCC, this action is barred by plaintiff's failure to state a cause of action.

AS AND FOR AN EIGHTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

17. This Court lacks personal jurisdiction over TMCC based upon improper service of process.

WHEREFORE, defendant TMCC, hereby demands judgment dismissing the plaintiff's Verified Complaint, together with the costs and disbursements in the defense of this action.

Dated: New York, New York November, 12, 2007

LONDON FISCHER LLP

By:

Hae Jin Shim Attorneys for Defendant

TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP.

59 Maiden Lane

New York, New York 10038

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CAROL SHERMAN Defendant Pro Se 169 Ocean Avenue Stamford, CT 06902 ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

HAE JIN SHIM, being an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Courts of

the State of New York, hereby affirms the following to be true, under the penalties of perjury:

1. Affirmant is an associate of the law firm LONDON FISCHER LLP, attorneys

of record for Defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. ("TMCC") in the within action,

and is fully familiar with the facts and circumstances set forth herein.

2. Affirmant has read the foregoing Verified Answer, knows the contents

thereof, and the same is true to affirmant's own knowledge, except as to those matters therein

stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters affirmant believes them

to be true.

3. Affirmant further states that the reason this verification is made by the

undersigned and not by the TMCC is because TMCC's principal place of business is not in the

County where affirmant maintains his office

4. The grounds of affirmant's belief as to all TMCC and counsel's file.

Dated:

New York, New York

November 12, 2007

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

BERIAM ORTIZ

Plaintiff,

-against-

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. and CAROL SHERMAN,

Defendants.

VERIFIED ANSWER

LONDON FISCHER LLP

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10038

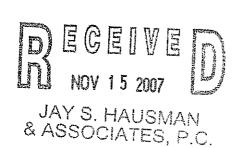


Exhibit C

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Index No.: 301887/07

BERIAM ORTIZ,

Plaintiff

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §1441

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ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP, AND CAROL SHERMAN,

Defendants

JUDGE CHIN

TO: CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Carol Sherman, the Defendant in the civil action in the SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF BRONX, hereby files this Notice of Removal to

the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1441 and 1446. A true copy of the State Court Notice of Removal of Civil Action (without its attachments) is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated herein by reference. True and correct copies of Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint are attached hereto as Exhibit "B". A true and correct copy of Defendants' Answer in this action is annexed hereto as Exhibit "C".

This is a civil action seeking monetary damages in excess of \$75,000 of which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. section 1332.

The United States District Court of the Southern District

of New York has original jurisdiction of this matter based on diversity of citizenship of the parties. The basis of this jurisdiction is provided in Section 1332(a) of Title 28 of the United States Code. This section states, in pertinent part, that the district courts should have original jurisdiction of all civil actions with a matter in controversy exceeds the sum of or value of \$75,000 exclusive of interest and cost, and is between citizens of different States.

As seen from the pleadings in this matter, plaintiff is a citizen of the State of New York and defendant is a citizen of the State of Connecticut. The Summons and Complaint further alleges that the matter in controversy is well in excess of \$75,000.

Concurrently with the filing of this Notice of Removal, defendant is giving notice to all known parties of this removal and the fact that this case is to be docketed in this Court and that this Court will grant relief to defendant as is proper under the circumstances.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1446(a) all process, pleadings and orders that have been served upon defendant to date in this matter are annexed to this Notice of Removal as Exhibit "B".

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1446(d) a true and complete copy of this Notice of Removal will be submitted for filing with the

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF BRONX.

DATED: November 14, 2007

White Plains, New York

Yours, etc.,
Eustace & Marquez
Attorneys for Defendant
Carol Sherman
Office and Post Office Address
1311 Mamaroneck Avenue
3rd Floor
White Plains, New York 10605
(914) 989-6650

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF BRONX

----x Index No.: 301887/07

BERIAM ORTIZ,

Plaintiff

NOTICE OF FILING OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

v.

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. AND CAROL SHERMAN,

Defendants

TO: THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND TO ALL PARTIES TO THE ACTION HEREIN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Defendant Carol Sherman, have filed a Notice of Removal of this action in the United States District.

Court for the Southern District of New York, on November 14,

2007, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446.

A Copy of the said Notice of Removal is annexed hereto as

Exhibit "A". This notice is filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§1446(d).

DATED: November 14, 2007
White Plains, New York

Yours, etc.,
Eustace & Marquez
Attorneys for Defendant
Carol Sherman
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SUPREME COURT OF COUNTY OF BRONX	THE	STATE	OF	NEW	YORK
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Plaintiff.

against-

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. and CAROL SHERMAN,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendant(s): __

Plaintiff Designates Bronx County as the place of Trial

Index No.: 30/887/207 SUMMONS DATE FILED 11/1/2.04

Plaintiff resides at 323 E. Gun Hill Road Bronx, New York 10467

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: Hartsdale, New York October 9, 2007

Defendants' Addresses:

Erin Kathleen Barlow 83 Maplewood Avenue Dallas, PA 18612

Toyota Motor Credit Corp. Box 105386 Atlanta, GA 30348

Carol Sherman 169 Ocean Avenue Stamford, CT 06902 JAY S. HAUSMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By:

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Office and Post Office

280 North Central Avenue-Suite 40

Hartsdale, New York 10530

New York, New York 10013

(914) 946-3344

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX	,
BERIAM ORTIZ, Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT Index #: 30/887 hur
-against-	DATE FILED /8/16/207
ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. and CAROL SHERMAN,	
Defendants.	

Plaintiff, by her attorneys, JAYS. HAUSMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., complaining of the defendants, alleges the following upon information and belief:

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 1. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, the plaintiff resides in the County of Bronx.
- 2. That this cause of action alleged herein arose in the County of Bronx, State of New York.
- That this action falls within one or more exemptions set forth in CPLR §1602. 3.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, was 4. a resident of the State of Pennsylvania.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, 5. ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, owned the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania.

- 7. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, drove the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania.
- 8. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania.
- 9. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, operated, drove, and maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number EVK2109, State of Pennsylvania, with the knowledge, permission and consent of its owner.
- 10. That at all times hereinafter mentioned and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. was and still is a domestic corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of New York.
- 11. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. was and still is a foreign corporation authorized to do business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of New York.
- 12. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. maintained a principal place of business in the State of New

York.

- 13. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. maintained a principal place of business in the State of Georgia.
- That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant. 14. CAROL SHERMAN, was a resident of the State of Connecticut.
- 15. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. owned the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL. State of Connecticut.
- 16. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. by its agents, servants, and/or employees, maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 17. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. by its agents, servants, and/or employees, operated the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- That at all times bereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, 18. TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. by its agents, servants, and/or employees, drove the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 19. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, owned the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL. State of Connecticut.

- 20. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, operated the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 21. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, drove the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 22. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut.
- 23. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, and upon information and belief, the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, operated, drove, and maintained the motor vehicle bearing registration number 407USL, State of Connecticut, with the knowledge, permission and consent of its owner.
- 24. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, operated a motor vehicle bearing registration number DFX8977, State of New York.
- 25. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Bruckner Boulevard at or about its intersection with East Tremont Avenue, County of Bronx, State of New York was and still is a public roadway/highway.
- 26. That on or about April 20, 2007, plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ was operating her vehicle on Bruckner Boulevard at or about its intersection with East Tremont Avenue, County of Bronx, State of New York.
- 27. That on or about April 20, 2007, defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW was operating
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her vehicle on Bruckner Boulevard at or about its intersection with East Tremont Avenue, County of Bronx, State of New York.

- 28. That on or about April 20, 2007, defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, was operating the vehicle owned by defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP., on Bruckner Boulevard at or about its intersection with East Tremont Avenue, County of Bronx, State of New York.
- 29. That on April 20, 2007, the motor vehicle owned and operated by defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, came into violent contact with the motor vehicle operated by plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ.
- 30. That on April 20, 2007, the motor vehicle owned by defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP. operated by the defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, came into violent contact with the motor vehicle operated by plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ.
- 31. That the aforesaid collision and injuries resulting therefrom, were due solely and wholly as a result of the careless and negligent manner in which the defendants operated and controlled their motor vehicles without this plaintiff in any way contributing thereto.
- 32. That by reason of the foregoing and the negligence of the said defendants, this plaintiff sustained serious, severe, and permanent injuries to her head, limbs and body, still suffers and will continue to suffer for some time, great physical and mental pain and serious bodily injury; became sick, sore, lame and disabled and so remained for a considerable length of time.
- 33. That by reason of the wrongful, negligent and unlawful actions of the defendants, as aforesaid, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, sustained serious injuries as defined in the Insurance Law of the State of New York, and has sustained economic loss greater than basic economic loss as

defined in said Insurance Law.

- That by reason of the foregoing and the negligence of the said defendants, this plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, is informed and verily believes her aforesaid injuries are permanent and she will permanently suffer from the effects of her aforesaid injuries and she will be caused to suffer permanent embarrassment and continuous pain and inconvenience.
- That by reason of the foregoing, this plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, was compelled and did necessarily require medical aid and attention and did necessarily pay and become liable therefore, for medicines and upon information and belief, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, will necessarily incur similar expenses in the future.
- 36. That by reason of the foregoing, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, has been unable to attend to her usual occupation and avocation in the manner required.
- 37. That by reason of the wrongful, negligent and unlawful actions of the defendants, as aforesaid, the plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, was severely injured, bruised and wounded, suffered, still suffers, and will continue to suffer for some time great physical pain and great bodily injuries and became sick, sore, lame and disabled and so remained for a considerable length of time.
- 38. That as a result of the defendants' negligence as aforesaid, this plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, has been damaged in an amount which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction in this matter.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, BERIAM ORTIZ, demands judgment against the defendants in an amount which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction in this matter, on the First Cause of Action; together with the costs and disbursements

of this action.

Dated:

Hartsdale, New York

October 9, 2007

Yours, etc.,

JAYS. HAUSMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By:

AYS. HAUSMAN

Attorney for Plaintiff(s)
280 North Central Ave- Suite 40
Hartsdale, New York 10530
(914) 946-3344

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

SS:

S. HAUSMAN

I, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the Courts of New York State, state under penalty of perjury that I am one of the attorneys for the plaintiff(s) in the within action; I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof; the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to the matters I believe to be true. The reason this verification is made by me and not by my client(s), is that my client(s) are not presently in the County where I maintain my offices. The grounds of my belief as to all matters not states upon my own knowledge are the materials in my file and the investigation conducted by my office.

Dated:

Hartsdale, New York October 9, 2007 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

Index No.: 301887/07

BERIAM ORTIZ,

Plaintiff

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

v.

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. AND CAROL SHERMAN,

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Defendant, Carol Sherman, by her attorneys, EUSTACE & MARQUEZ, answers the Complaint of the Plaintiff by stating as follows:

- 1. Denies, upon information and belief, the allegations of paragraphs 16, 17, 18, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38.
- 2. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 24, 26, 27 and 29.
- 3. Denies having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraphs 3, 15, 19, 22, 25 and 28 and respectfully refers all questions of law to this Honorable Court.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

4. The injuries alleged to have been suffered by the Plaintiffs were caused, in whole or part, by the conduct of

Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs' claims therefore are barred or diminished in the proportion that such culpable conduct of Plaintiffs bears to the total culpable conduct causing the damages.

AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

5. The injuries and damages alleged in the Complaint were caused or contributed to by the culpable conduct including contributory negligence, assumption of the risk and/or product misuse of persons over whom this Defendant had no authority or control.

AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

6. The Plaintiffs failed to mitigate the damages as alleged in the Complaint by failure to wear or use seatbelts, shoulder harnesses, or other restraints or protective devices, at the time and place of the alleged incident, and any award made to or accepted by the Plaintiffs must be reduced in such proportion to the extent that the injuries complained of were caused, aggravated or contributed to by the Plaintiffs' failure to use such protective devices.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

7. The Plaintiffs are precluded from maintaining this action by Insurance Law Article 51 in that Plaintiffs have

failed to sustain a serious injury or economic loss greater than the basic economic loss as defined by that law.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

8. That recovery, if any, by the Plaintiffs shall be reduced by the amounts paid or reimbursed by collateral sources in accordance with CPLR 4545(c).

AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THIS ANSWERING DEFENDANT ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

9. The injuries and damages alleged in the Complaint of the Plaintiffs were caused or contributed to by Plaintiff's culpable conduct in assuming the risk under the conditions and circumstances existing.

AS AND FOR A CROSS-CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTION AGAINST: ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW

10. If any plaintiff recovers against this Defendant, then this Defendant will be entitled to an apportionment of responsibility for damages between and amongst the parties of this action and will be entitled to recover from each other party for its proportional share commensurate with any judgment which may be awarded to the plaintiff.

AS AND FOR A CROSS-CLAIM FOR COMMON LAW INDEMNITY AGAINST: ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW

11. If any plaintiff recovers against this Defendant, then this Defendant will be entitled to be indemnified and to recover the full amount of any judgment from the ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW.

WHEREFORE, this Defendant demands judgment dismissing the Complaint, together with costs and disbursements, and in the event any judgment or settlement is recovered herein against this Defendant, then this Defendant further demands that such judgment be reduced by the amount which is proportionate to the degree of culpability of any plaintiff, and this Defendant further demands judgment against each other party on the respective crossclaims and/or counterclaims.

DATED: November 12, 2007
White Plains, New York

Yours, etc.,

EUSTACE & MARQUEZ
Attorneys for Defendant
CAROL SHERMAN
Office and Post Office
Address
1311 Mamaroneck Avenue
3rd Floor
White Plains, New York 10605
(914) 989-6050

Edward M. Eustace

To:

Jay S. Hausman & Associates, PC. Attorneys for Plaintiff, Beriam Ortiz 280 North Central Avenue Hartsdale, New York 10530 Erin Kathleen Barlow 83 Maplewood Avenue Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
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BERIAM ORTIZ,

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Plaintiff

NOTICE PURSUANT TO CPLR 2103

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ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. AND CAROL SHERMAN,

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant Carol Sherman, by her attorneys, EUSTACE & MARQUEZ, hereby serve(s) Notice upon you pursuant to Rule 2103 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules that it expressly rejects service of papers in this matter upon them by electronic means.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that waiver of the foregoing may only be affected by express prior written consent to such service by EUSTACE & MARQUEZ and by placement thereby of EUSTACE & MARQUEZ electronic communication number in the address block of papers filed

with the Court.

DATED: November 12, 2007

White Plains, New York

Yours, etc.,

EUSTACE & MARQUEZ
Attorneys for Defendant
CAROL SHERMAN
Office and Post Office
Address
1311 Mamaroneck Avenue
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(914) 989-650

By:

Edward M. Eustace

To:

Jay S. Hausman & Associates, PC. Attorneys for Plaintiff, Beriam Ortiz 280 North Central Avenue Hartsdale, New York 10530

Erin Kathleen Barlow 83 Maplewood Avenue Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
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BERIAM ORTIZ,

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Plaintiff

COMBINED DISCOVERY
DEMANDS AND NOTICE OF
DEPOSITION

v.

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. AND CAROL SHERMAN,

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Defendant Carol Sherman, by her attorneys, EUSTACE & MARQUEZ, demands that each adverse party afford us the disclosure which this notice and demand specifies:

DEPOSITIONS OF ADVERSE PARTIES UPON ORAL EXAMINATION

- A. Each adverse party is to appear for deposition upon oral examination pursuant to CPLR 3107:
- (1) At this date and time: December 12, 2007 at 10:00 am
 - (2) At this place: Eustace & Marquez

1311 Mamaroneck Avenue

3rd Floor

White Plains, NY 10605

Pursuant to CPLR 3106(d) we designate the following as the identity, description or title of the particular officer, director, member, or employee of the adverse party specified whose deposition we desire to take: ALL PARTIES

C. Each deposition witness thus examined is to produce at such time and place, pursuant to CPLR 3111, all books, papers, and other things which are relevant to the issues in the action and within that adverse party's possession, custody, or control to be marked as exhibits, and used on the examination.

PARTY STATEMENTS

Each adverse party is to serve on us, pursuant to CPLR 3101(e) and CPLR 3120, within thirty (30) days from the service of this Demand, a complete and legible copy of any statement made by or taken from any individual party or any officer, agent, or employee of said party.

INSURANCE POLICIES

Each adverse party is to serve, pursuant to CPLR 3101(f) and CPLR 3120, within thirty (30) days from the service of this Demand, a complete and legible copy of each primary or excess insurance agreement under which any person carrying on an insurance business may be liable to satisfy part or all of any judgment which may be entered in this action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy any such judgment.

ACCIDENT REPORTS

Each adverse party is to serve, pursuant to CPLR 3101(g) and CPLR 3120, within thirty (30) days from service

of this Demand, a complete and legible copy of every written report of the accident or other event alleged in the complaint prepared in the regular course of that adverse party's business operations or practices.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOTAPES

Each adverse party is to serve within thirty (30) days from the service of this Demand, complete and legible photographic or videotape reproductions of any and all photographs, motion pictures, maps, drawings, diagrams, measurements, surveys of the scene of the accident or equipment or instrumentality involved in the action or photographs of persons or vehicles involved (if applicable) made either before, after or at the time of the events in question, including any photographs or videotapes made of the plaintiff at any time since the incident referred to in the Complaint.

WITNESSES

Each adverse party is to serve within thirty (30) days from the service of this Demand, the name and address of each witness to any of the following:

- 1. The accident, occurrence or any other event set forth in the complaint.
- 2. Any fact tending to prove actual or constructive notice of any condition which may give rise to the

liability of any person, whether or not a party, for any damages alleged in this action.

3. Any admission, statement, writing or act of our client.

EXPERT WITNESS MATERIAL

Each adverse party is to serve, pursuant to CPLR 3101(d)(1), within thirty (30) days from the service of this request, a statement specifying all of the following data as to each person whom that adverse party expects to call as an expert witness at trial:

- A. The identity of each expert;
- B. The subject matter on which each expert is expected to testify, disclosed in reasonable detail;
- C. The substance of the facts and opinions on which each expert is expected to testify;
 - D. The qualifications of each expert; and
- E. A summary of the grounds for each expert's opinion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that we will object at trial to the offer of any proof of an expert's qualifications which are different from or additional to those which the adverse party calling the expert had disclosed in reference to sub-paragraph D.

Each plaintiff seeking to recover for the cost of

COLLATERAL SOURCE INFORMATION

medical care, dental care, custodial care or rehabilitation services, loss of earnings or other economic loss is to serve, pursuant to CPLR 4545(c), within thirty (30) days from the service of this Demand, a statement of all past and future cost and expense which has been or will, with reasonable certainty, be replaced or indemnified, in whole or in part, from any collateral source such as insurance (except life insurance), social security, workers' compensation, or employee benefit programs. Each such statement is to set forth the name, address, and insurance policy (or other account) number of each collateral source payor; and, separately stated for each payor, a list specifying the date and amount of each payment and the name, address, and social security number or other taxpayer

PRODUCTION OF MEDICAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Each plaintiff is to serve upon and deliver to us within thirty (30) days from the service of this Demand:

identification number of each payee.

Medical Reports and Bills: Copies of the medical reports and bills of those health professionals who have previously treated or examined the plaintiff. Those reports shall include a detailed recital of the injuries and

conditions as to which testimony will be offered at the trial, referring to and identifying those diagnostic tests and technicians' reports which will be offered at the trial.

Medical Authorizations: Duly executed and acknowledged written medical authorizations, complying with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), 45 C.F.R. \$164.508(a), (using attached form) permitting all parties to obtain and make copies of the records and notes including any intake sheets, diagnostic tests, X-Rays, MRI's and cat scan films, of all treating and examining hospitals, physicians and other medical professionals.

PRODUCTION OF RECORDS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Each plaintiff is to serve upon and deliver to us within thirty (30) days from the service of this demand duly executed, fully addressed and acknowledged written authorizations permitting all parties to obtain and make copies of each of the following:

A. All workers' compensation records and reports of hearings pertaining to the incident alleged to have occurred in plaintiff's complaint maintained by the workers' compensation Board and workers' compensation carrier.

- B. All records of present and past employment of plaintiff.
- C. All records in the no-fault file of any carrier issuing benefits to the plaintiff arising out of the incident alleged to have occurred in the complaint.
- D. All records of the Internal Revenue Service filed by the plaintiff for the calendar year prior to the date of the incident alleged in the complaint and for the two subsequent years. Please use IRS form 4506 and attach 2 copies of identification of the plaintiff, with photo and signature as required by the IRS.
 - E. All records of schools attended by plaintiff.
- F. All records of each collateral source that has provided and/or in the future will be providing any payment or reimbursement for expenses incurred because of this incident.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ATTORNEYS

Each adverse party is to serve on us, within thirty (30) days from service of this Demand, the names and addresses of all attorneys having appeared in this action on behalf of any adverse party.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THESE ARE CONTINUING DEMANDS, and that each demand requires that an adverse party who acquires more than thirty (30) days from the

service of this demand any document, information, or thing (including the opinion of any person whom the adverse party expects to call as an expert witness at trial) which is responsive to any of the above demands, is to give us prompt written advice to that effect; and, within thirty (30) days (but no less than sixty (60) days before trial), is to serve all such information on us and allow us to inspect, copy, test, and photograph each such document or thing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that we will object at trial, and move to preclude as to any adverse party who does not timely identify any witness, serve any report, or produce any document, information, or thing which is responsive to a discovery demand set forth in any of the ensuing paragraphs:

- A. From calling any event or notice witness not identified to us or medical expert whose reports have not been served on us;
- B. From calling any other expert witness whose identity, qualifications, and expected fact and opinion testimony (together with a summary of the grounds for each such opinion) have not been served on us;
- C. From putting in evidence any exhibit not served on us or produced for us to discover, inspect, copy, and

photograph in accordance with any of the ensuing paragraphs; and

D. From offering any other proof not timely disclosed pursuant to a court order in this action.

DATED: November 12, 2007 White Plains, New York

Yours, etc.,

Attorneys for Defendant
CAROL SHERMAN
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Edward M. Eustace

To:

Jay S. Hausman & Associates, PC. Attorneys for Plaintiff, Beriam Ortiz 280 North Central Avenue Hartsdale, New York 10530

Erin Kathleen Barlow 83 Maplewood Avenue Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
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BERIAM ORTIZ,

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Plaintiff

DEMAND FOR VERIFIED BILL OF PARTICULARS

v.

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. AND CAROL SHERMAN,

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, Defendant, CAROL SHERMAN, by her attorneys, Eustace & Marquez, demands pursuant to CPLR 3041-3044, that each Plaintiff furnish, within thirty (30)

days of the date of this demand a **Verified** Bill of the following particulars:

A. Liability Issues:

- 1. The legal name, address, date of birth and social security number of each plaintiff,
- 2. The date and approximate time of day of the alleged accident.
 - 3. The location of the alleged accident.

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4. (a) A statement of the acts or omissions constituting any negligence or other culpable conduct claimed against this defendant.

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- (b) If breach of warranty is alleged, state whether said warranty was:
 - i. expressed or implied;
 - ii. oral or written;
 - iii. if written, set forth a copy thereof;
 and
 - iv. if oral, state by whom and to whom the alleged warranty was made, specifying the time, place and persons in sufficient detail to permit identification.
- 5. If actual notice is claimed, a statement of when, by whom and to whom actual notice was given and whether such notice was in writing; also, if such notice was in writing, the statement is to include the name and address of anyone who has any copy of it.
- 6. If constructive notice is claimed, a statement of how long any allegedly dangerous or defective condition existed before the occurrence and who has first-hand knowledge of any such facts.
- 7. If any violation is claimed, a citation to each statute, ordinance, regulation, and other federal, state, or local rule which it is claimed that any defendant we represent has violated.

- 8. If any prior similar occurrence is claimed, a statement of its date, approximate time of day and approximate location.
- 9. If any subsequent repair or other remedial action is claimed, a statement of its date, approximate time of day, approximate location, who made such repair or took such other action and who has first-hand knowledge of either.

B. <u>Damage Issues: Personal Injury:</u>

- 10. A statement of the injuries claimed to have been sustained by plaintiff as a result of the accident and a description of any injuries claimed to be permanent.
- 11. In any action under Ins. Law, \$5104(a), for personal injuries arising out of negligence in the use or operation of a motor vehicle in this state, in what respect and to what extent any plaintiff has sustained:
 - (a) serious injury, as defined by Insurance Law, 5102(b);
 - (b) economic loss greater than basic economic loss, as defined by Insurance Law, 5102 (a).
- 12. If plaintiff was treated at a hospital or hospitals, the name and address of each hospital and the exact dates of admission or treatment at each.

- 13. The name and address of all medical professionals that treated or examined plaintiffs with regard to the injuries claimed, and the exact dates of treatment received from each.
- 14. If loss of earnings is claimed, the name and address of plaintiff's employer, the nature of plaintiff's employment, and the exact dates that the plaintiff was incapacitated from employment.
- 15. A statement of the exact dates that each plaintiff was:
 - (a) hospitalized;
 - (b) confined to bed;
 - (c) confined to house;
- 16. Total amounts each plaintiff claims as special damages for:
 - (a) physicians' services;
 - (b) medical supplies
 - (c) loss of earnings to date, with the name(s)
 and address(es) of plaintiff's employer(s);
 - (d) loss of earnings in the future, stating how the figure was calculated;
 - (e) hospital expenses;
 - (f) nurses' services;
 - (g) any other special damages claimed.

- 17. If any plaintiff claims loss of services, a statement of all such losses claimed, including the nature and extent of the lost services and all special damages claimed.
- 18. The name, address and amounts received from each collateral source that has paid or reimbursed plaintiff for any of the expenses incurred as a result of this accident.

DATED: November 12, 2007
White Plains, New York

Yours, Etc.,
EUSTACE & MARQUEZ
Attorneys for Defendant
CAROL SHERMAN

Office and Post Office Address 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue 3rd Floor White Plains, New York 10605 (914) 989-6650

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To:

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Janet Salaycik-Formisano, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I am over the age of eighteen years (18) and not a party to this action.

That on November 12, 2007, I served upon:

Jay S. Hausman & Associates, PC. Attorneys for Plaintiff, Beriam Ortiz 280 North Central Avenue Hartsdale, New York 10530

Erin Kathleen Barlow 83 Maplewood Avenue Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612

A true copy of the annexed ANSWER TO COMPLAINT, NOTICE PURSUANT TO CPLR 2103, DEMAND FOR VERIFIED BILL OF PARTICULARS AND VARIOUS DISCOVERY DEMANDS by depositing it endorsed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper, in a post office or, official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within

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the State of New York, at the address designated by him or her upon the last paper served by him or her in the action.

DATED: November 12, 2007

White Plains, New York

Janet Salaycik-Formisano

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Exhibit D

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BERIAM ORTIZ,

Plaintiff,

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STIPULATION OF DISCONTINUANCE AGAINST TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP. ONLY

-against-

Docket No. 07 CV 10365

ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW, TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT, CORP. and CAROL SHERMAN,

Defendants.

MEMO ENDORSED

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the parties hereto, that

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the action against the defendant TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP. ONLY is hereby discontinued, without prejudice and without costs to any party, and that this stipulation may be

filed with the Clerk of the Court without further notice.

JAY S. HAUSMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorney for the Plaintiff

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Hartsdale, New York 10530

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ANTHONY D. PERRI, ESQ Attorney for Defendant Barlow 17 State Street, 25th Floor New York, New York 10004 File No: 2007-11191/ADP

SO ORDERED:

U.S.D.J.

Attorney for Defendant Sherman 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, 3rd Flr White Plains, New York 10605

(914)989-6650 by J. MRWUEZ (3623) Exhibit E

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07-CV-10365

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Defendants.

BERIAM ORTIZ, having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am the plaintiff in the above captioned action.
- 2. I make this Affidavit in support of the within application for partial summary judgment, determining issues of liability in my favor, and against the defendant, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW.
- 3. On April 20, 2007, at about 5:00 p.m., I was operating a 2003 Volkswagon four door sedan on Bruckner Boulevard at its intersection with East Tremont Avenue, in the Bronx, New York, when I was struck from behind by a red Ford Explorer, which I later discovered was operated by ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW.
- 4. At the time of the latter contact, I was traveling in moderate traffic. As a result of being struck in the rear by defendant BARLOW's vehicle, I was pushed forward into a Lexus motor vehicle, which I later learned was operated by the defendant CAROL SHERMAN.
- 5. After the accident, ERIN KATHLEEN BARLOW approached my vehicle. She apologized for the accident, and admitted that she was reading a map while driving, which caused the contact.

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Sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 2008

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JAY S. HAUSMAN Notary Public, State of New York No. 002HA5011781 Qualified in New York County Commission Expires Dec. 10, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I mailed a copy of Plaintiff's Notice of Motion, Statement of Uncontested Material Facts and Memorandum of Law by U.S. Mail, to EUSTACE & MARQUEZ, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, 3rd Floor, White Plains, New York, 10605, attorney in charge for Defendant SHERMAN and to ANTHONY D. PERRI, ESQ., 17 State Street, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10004, attorney in charge for Defendant BARLOW, on April 21, 2008.

ELIZABETH M. PENDZICK